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# THE PATRIOT

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## SGA officials revise election code rules

by Emily Stevens  
Staff writer

Election code amendments, including general clarifications, the introduction of a candidate representative and financial disclosures for candidates, passed a vote at the Student Government Association meeting held Feb. 18.

Parliamentarian Loree Ainsworth said the revisions were made to avoid situations similar to last semester's elections, which were marred with violations.

The new election code states a required candidates meeting will be held two weeks prior to elections, and a candidate may select a representative to oversee campaigning, voting and ballot counting on their behalf.

A candidate representative must not be a current SGA member or a fellow candidate and may not become directly involved in any election dispute.

Regarding campaigning rules, the revised code forbids campaigning near a voting booth and trying to persuade students from voting differently than they had planned.

"Near" was not defined in

the amended code, but it states the Rules Committee will designate boundaries.

The changes also state that a campaign cannot interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic and that all candidates are responsible for their actions in their campaign.

The new code also includes a section of rules involving financial disclosures.

Candidates are now required to keep an accurate financial record showing the amount and purpose of each expenditure, which is to be submitted to the Office of Student Life within two school days of the election's completion.

Limits on expenditures have been set at \$250 per candidate for presidential and vice presidential candidates, and \$100 per senatorial candidate.

Limits for the treasurer, secretary and parliamentarian have not yet been set, but Ainsworth said those limits would be available by the time of the candidates meeting.

According to the changes, any election disputes must be submitted in writing to the

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## Students to patrol parking

### *Police department hiring help to ticket more cars*

by Shalina Ramirez  
Associate editor

Numerous complaints, repeat offenders and a personnel shortage have prompted the University police department to hire part-time student employees for parking patrol duty, Sgt. Troy Smith said.

Starting March 1, supervised student workers will patrol campus lots, issuing traffic and parking citations to violators.

"It's something a lot of other Universities are doing at this time," Smith said.

Schools such as Tyler Junior College, the University of Texas

at Dallas and the University of Texas at Austin also use student parking patrollers, he said.

TJC Police Chief Randy Melton said student workers, also called cadets, have been a part of the junior college for more than 10 years.

"We see this as benefiting our students," Melton said. "We have extra eyes and ears and extra man power to issue citations to violators."

The cadets, he said, also assist with other services such as battery boosts, safety escorts and opening locked car doors.

"We try to do a public service

to help our students," he said. "It benefits us and it benefits our students."

Smith said the University police department is expecting to hire four to six students, depending on work-study grants and other sources of funding.

Employees will earn \$6 an hour with work schedules revolving around the student's classes.

"It depends on the student's schedule," Smith said. "But definitely nothing over 20 hours."

He said each student worker must participate in a training session with a guard supervisor

to become familiar with parking policies.

Smith said a supervisor will accompany the patrollers to campus lots while on duty.

"I feel like (student parking patrollers) will help greatly," he said. "There's a better chance of people getting caught."

Work-study students are eligible to apply and should contact MarQuita Hackett in Room 213A in the Administration Building.

Other students interested in a parking patrol position should apply at the police station on Campus Drive.



## Riter accepts longer stay on UT Board of Regents

by Robert Boggs

the Governor's Press Office.



Editor in chief

Gov. Rick Perry asked Tylerite A.W. "Dub" Riter to stay on the University of Texas System Board of Regents until a replacement is named and appointed two other Texans to serve six-year terms on the board.

James Huffines, 51, of Austin and Scott Caven, 60, of Houston will succeed Tony Sanchez and Patrick Oxford as regents. The former regents' terms expired Feb. 1.

Riter said Huffines and Caven, both graduates of the University of Texas at Austin, are "very strong" people in the financial field.

Huffines is president of PNB Financial in Austin and vice president of Plains Capital Corp., according a release from

Caven served as vice president of Goldman, Sachs & Co. and is a member of the McCombs School of Business Advisory Council, according to the release.

Perry has not named a replacement for Riter, whose term also expired Feb. 1. Perry asked him to stay on the board for several months, likely until the end of the spring semester in May, Riter said.

Although Riter said six years was a long time to serve on the board, he was looking forward to his continued stay. He said he did not know who was being considered as his successor.

"It's time to turn that responsibility over to somebody else, but I'll be pleased to stay on and serve," he said.

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## Research destroyed in shuttle

by Emily Stevens  
Staff writer

In the moments before the Columbia's fate was revealed, University professor Scott Spier did not think anything of the loss of communication between NASA and the shuttle.

While standing in the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. with a team of other scientists, Spier found out the Columbia wasn't coming home.

Spier said even though they weren't formally introduced to the astronauts on board, the team knew them indirectly through the experiment.

"It was a double loss. We were upset that we lost the [experiment], but in the bigger picture it didn't matter," Spier said.

The experiment, principally



—Brad Smith/The Patriot

**LOST IN SPACE: Dr. Scott Spier talks about the experiment lost when the space shuttle Columbia broke apart over Texas.**

investigated by Dr. Mike Delp of Texas A& M, consisted of eight rats contained in a habitat with available food, water, and light subjected to the conditions of space travel.

Spier worked under Delp at Texas A&M for five years before graduating and then gaining employment at the University in August.

The NASA-funded project already was being planned

when Spier accepted a position in the health and kinesiology department as an assistant professor.

Officials said the purpose of the experiment was to better understand the cardiovascular adaptations astronauts must undergo during space travel.

The project could have confirmed that a model of simulated space conditions created by

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## Ice & Wind

—Staff photos by Brad Smith and Chris Kemper

**ON ICE: Winter storms shut down hundreds of schools in North, Central, and East Texas on Tuesday. The University remained open, but trees and other plants were coated in a thin layer of ice from freezing rain. The National Weather Service predicts another cold front Friday.**



## Legislators deride deregulation

Despite Perry nod, state officials fear board autonomy will increase costs

by Robert Boggs  
Editor in chief

Although tuition deregulation gained strong support from state Republican leaders, East Texas representatives expressed concerns about the proposal which would give public university governing boards the power to set their own tuition rates.

Critics fear deregulation would lead to large tuition increases.

"I am against deregulation of tuition rates," Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, said in a telephone interview with The Patriot. "In my opinion we have an obligation to our citizens to offer the best education we can at the lowest price."

Currently the Legislature has the power to set tuition at public universities. The University of

Texas System Board of Regents asked legislators to give them the authority to set rates in the midst of a \$104.1 million reduction in state appropriations to the system.

UT System Chancellor Mark Yudof said tuition and fees would have to rise about 27 percent to keep the system competitive with other universities, the Austin American Statesman reported.

Gov. Rick Perry backed deregulation in his State of the State address on Feb. 11. Earlier this month, House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, also said he supported the move.

For Merritt, it is an issue of accountability. Because legislators are voted into office, they are accountable to voters, he said. The governor appoints board members, meaning they are not directly affected by voters' decisions.

Other Easter Texas legislators are still weighing their options.

"I haven't made my mind up yet," Rep. Leo Berman, R-

Tyler, said. "I'm trying to listen to both sides of the argument."

Berman said he was leaning in favor of deregulation until Yudof discussed possible tuition increases.

"My biggest concern was Yudof's statement that tuition would increase 27 percent by 2005 if deregulation passed," he said.

Berman said he would be willing to deregulate other areas where students have shown support. He cited the University's intercollegiate athletics fee, saying he had to introduce and pass two bills to introduce a fee for which students already had passed a referendum.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, also said he is against complete deregulation.

"I don't sense a lot of support in the Senate for complete deregulation," he said.

Ratliff said the advantage of deregulation is it allows institutions to determine costs and students to decide how much they are willing to pay for education.

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## Editorial

Campus leaders frequently ask why students are apathetic. The University holds events such as Patriot Days, concerts and intramural sports on a regular basis, but many people wonder why attendance is generally low.

The answer unfortunately really isn't difficult to understand—University students are too busy with their own lives to pay much attention to campus and world events.

When juggling 12 to 15 hours of classes, a job (or two), family, extracurricular activities and a social life, it's difficult to find time for an event outside of "the routine."

While it's true students at other schools, such as the University of Texas at Austin, have the same pressures and still manage the occasional anti-war demonstration, the circumstances are quite different.

First, UT Tyler is traditionally a commuter campus, meaning many students would have to drive an hour to reach campus just to get an ice cream cone in the University Center or attend a meeting to discuss tuition increases.

Second, UT Austin has nearly 50,000 students compared to just more than 4,200 at UT Tyler, giving a much larger pool of people to find free time. In addition, students in Austin are generally considered less conservative and more politically active than those in Tyler.

The good news for UT Tyler is even UT Austin has apathetic students. The bad news is the non-apathetic community members may have difficulty finding

support when trying to get their message out.

This could explain—to a limited extent—why one student used a marker to anonymously spread his anti-war message across garbage cans and urinals on campus. His actions, which include defacing public property, should not be condoned. But he deserves the chance to be heard.

There are many legitimate forums for freedom of speech for those courageous enough to use them.

Many of them are quite simple.

At Manhattansville College in Purchase, N.Y., basketball player Toni Smith turned her back on the American flag during the singing of the national anthem before each game to protest the impending war on Iraq.

Naturally, freedom of speech runs both ways. For her actions, she was greeted by more than 300 people cheering "USA" and "leave our country." During another game, she was harassed by a flag-toting fan who walked onto the court during the game.

Another method of expression is to write a letter to the editor. This provides the opportunity to reach an audience with a well-developed written message of support or opposition for a cause.

However you decide to express yourself—or not—remember the University is a diverse campus.

Be respectful to those who go out on a limb to legitimately show their viewpoint, even if it differs from your own.



## Quote of the Week

"This is not a serious issue. There is no debating his need to disarm."

White House spokesman Ari Fleisher responding to the reported debate offer from Saddam Hussein to president George W. Bush

## Correction

In the Feb. 14 issue, Subway's income before considering the budgeted University subsidy was incorrect.

Without the subsidy the franchise would have shown a loss of \$45,678.

## Credit card fraud: can happen anywhere

by Shalina Ramirez  
Associate editor

Standing in line at a local supermarket with a shopper's loyalty card in one hand and my

Know what transactions are being posted to your account including monthly

checking account six days later.

Although I was told there wasn't much I could have done to prevent the theft from happening, I was still upset that, for

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bank card in the other, it never occurred to me I would be leaving the store the same way I arrived—empty handed.

Nor did I expect the clerk to say the five words dreaded by every credit card carrying consumer, "Your card has been denied."

I was stunned.

How could that be possible? I had made a deposit the previous day.

Apologizing to the cashier for the third time, I left the store thinking she had lost her mind. After all, how could MY card be rejected?

Having had a checking account for the past five years, I knew the value of precise record keeping, and could be downright obsessive when it came to balancing my checkbook.

But nothing could prepare me for news I received 20 minutes later when I telephoned my bank's automated teller service.

My account was overdrawn by more than \$300.

After picking myself off the floor, I made a mad dash to my bank where I discovered two purchases totaling more than \$900 had been posted to my checking account without my

## fees and debit card charges.

knowledge, throwing it into the red.

No one but me had access to that account. I had become the victim of credit card fraud.

The purchases, which had been made between Feb. 1 and Feb. 4, included concert tickets in London, England, and a \$500 security system in Reno, Nevada.

The bank representative I spoke with believes the charges were made online with a number from an old bank credit card.

The old card, which had been demagnetized, was destroyed in October but apparently the number was still affiliated with my checking account. I had been issued a new card and number that same month.

I have read articles about con artists stealing retirement money from unsuspecting individuals as part of some "get rich quick" scheme or the occasional relative who cashed checks they

had stolen from Aunt Bertha, but I never thought I could be a victim of a money-hungry predator.

After all, I kept all my receipts and deposit slips, knew where my bank credit card was at all times and never gave out my ATM pin number.

Yet I was still taken advantage of.

My hard-earned money had been stolen.

Not only that, but my life had been disrupted in other ways, too.

I still had to spend two hours filling out various statements as well as an affidavit saying I had not made the London and Reno purchases.

My checking account was put on hold, which stopped all transactions, for more than a week.

Not one to carry much cash, I also had to borrow money from friends and family until the \$900 could be refunded to my

a few days, a stranger had as much control over my account as I did.

The old bank credit card number has since been removed from my account.

If anything, this experience has taught me that no one is 100 percent safe from fraud.

It can affect your parents, your teachers, your classmates and probably will, at some point in time, affect you.

And having been a recent victim, the best advice I can give is to be aware.

Know what transactions are being posted to your account including monthly fees and debit card charges.

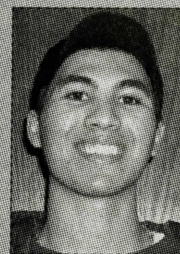
Check your account frequently. Most banks have an automated teller service that allows customers access to account information 24 hours a day.

Also, know who to talk to if there is a problem. The sooner you speak to the correct bank representative the faster they can fix the problem.

Never assume; get details, statements and policies in writing.

Last, don't be afraid to ask questions about your account. After all it's only YOUR money.

## What is your opinion of the anti-war protests?



"Things would be different if Saddam didn't have weapons capability. If this is the case, we should leave the whole thing alone. But if he does have the capability, we should put an end to Saddam now before he can do something destructive."

**Daniel Hegg, business management, junior**

"Their protest stems from the great emotion that arises when confronted with any war. Although I support Bush, I empathize with their voice and feelings."

**Amanda Allgood, English, senior**



"It really infuriates me. I'm really in favor of action against Iraq and North Korea. It's un-American to protest against this action."

**Ryan Palmquist, political science/business, sophomore**



"My family is in the military, so I believe we need to support the military when overseas because they protect us from terrorism. This is our war because it affects all of us as a nation."

**Claire Kelley, accounting, junior**



"I agree with the demonstrations that have occurred on campus, but I believe they should not have destroyed private property and posted up fliers or something instead. We should not go to war because we do not know what to expect once we are over there."

**Kamell Hawkins, bookstore employee**



"I agree with the demonstrations. We have the right to say when we do not agree with our government. If we do go to war, I would rather Bush decide sooner than later due to the inflation of the gas prices."

**Buabucha Yodvit, marketing, freshman**



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## Police Reports

A 22-year-old Service Solutions employee is being charged with two drug related offenses after police discovered what they believed to be marijuana inside his car.

The charges stem from a Feb. 12 incident in which officers were called to parking Lot 10, near the Robert R. Muntz Library, to assist a man with unlocking his car, reports show.

Once unlocked, police noticed a suspicious odor, according to police reports.

After gaining written consent to search the vehicle, officers found about two grams of a substance believed to be marijuana as well as several drug paraphernalia items inside the man's four-door 2000 Chrysler Cypress, the report said.

He was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Service Solutions is a janitorial service contracted by the University to assist with cleaning services.

Bond was set at \$1,000.

### ARREST

- Feb. 7 - Investigating an unauthorized solicitor report at the University Pines apartments, police arrested a 21-year-old man on four outstanding warrants from Pulaski County, Arkansas. The warrants were for burglary of a habitation, theft of property and two counts of forgery. He also is being charged with giving false information to law officers.

### MISC.

- Feb. 5 - Two UPines apartment residents were issued citations after police found the minors in possession of alcohol while investigating a noise complaint.
- Feb. 17 - Officers investigated a report of two children being left in a car unattended in parking Lot 9 near the Business Building.



—Robert Boggs/The Patriot

**GUEST OF HONOR:** Regent A.W. "Dub" Riter thanks guests at a farewell dinner Feb. 20. At left is a plaque dedicated to Riter by health center President Kirk Calhoun.

## RITER

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Riter is the seventh regent from Tyler in the board's history, but the first since 1916, when Rabbi M. Faber died 21 months into his term.

At a farewell dinner for Riter held Feb. 20, the presidents of the University and University of Texas Health Center at Tyler honored Riter with two gifts. University President Rodney Mabry presented a portrait of Riter and UTHCT President Kirk Calhoun dedicated a plaque to be placed in the health center.

Mabry said Riter was instrumental in developing the campus' "New Millennium Vision," the

strategic plan developed four years ago to guide the University's development.

"[Riter] has been our spokesman, our listener, our guide, our 'go-to man' and most importantly, our friend," Mabry said.

Guests at the dinner thanked Riter for his years of service and expressed concerns about finding someone to take his place.

Guest Herb Buie told the crowd he wished there were another Riter to continue as regent.

"I know one man who should be cloned," he said.

## CODE

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judicial board within 24 hours of the alleged violations.

The final round of changes to the election code consists of rules regarding ballot counting.

The amendments state the SGA president, parliamentarian, rules committee and adviser must be present during ballot counting.

In addition, each ballot must

be counted three times by three different people.

The revisions to the election code will be in effect for the Feb. 21 – March 7 filing period, and a copy of the changes will be attached to candidate applications.

The changes made to the election code amend the by-laws of the student constitution and therefore only require an

SGA vote, but amendments to the actual constitution also require a vote of the student body.

SGA officials announced plans to revise the constitution at the meeting. A tentative completion date has been set as March 4 in order to allow time for an SGA and a student body vote before the end of the semester.

## SPIER

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Delp was an accurate representation of what really happens to the vascular system in space.

Spier said that with space travel, gravity is not working as usual, so most of the blood is in the upper portion of the body causing the lower part to atrophy.

The team watched the Columbia launch Jan. 16, then spent two weeks performing control experiments on 18 to 20 rats.

Spier's specific job in the project was to subject the rats' blood vessels to different dilators and constrictors in order to see how the vessels function under these forces.

Spier said he doesn't know what will happen next with the project after the space experiment was lost, but has plans to be involved if an opportunity to participate in a similar experiment arises.

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"It returns a level of local control," he said.

But he warned deregulation could cause problems for middle-class students. Although poor families have access to many types of financial aid, including Pell grants, for the middle class "there's not much available," Ratliff said.

"The middle class winds up struggling with higher and higher tuition," he said.

Tuition and fees at Texas four-year colleges increased 20 percent between the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years, according to a report by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. Fifteen other states increased tuition and fees by more than 10 percent.



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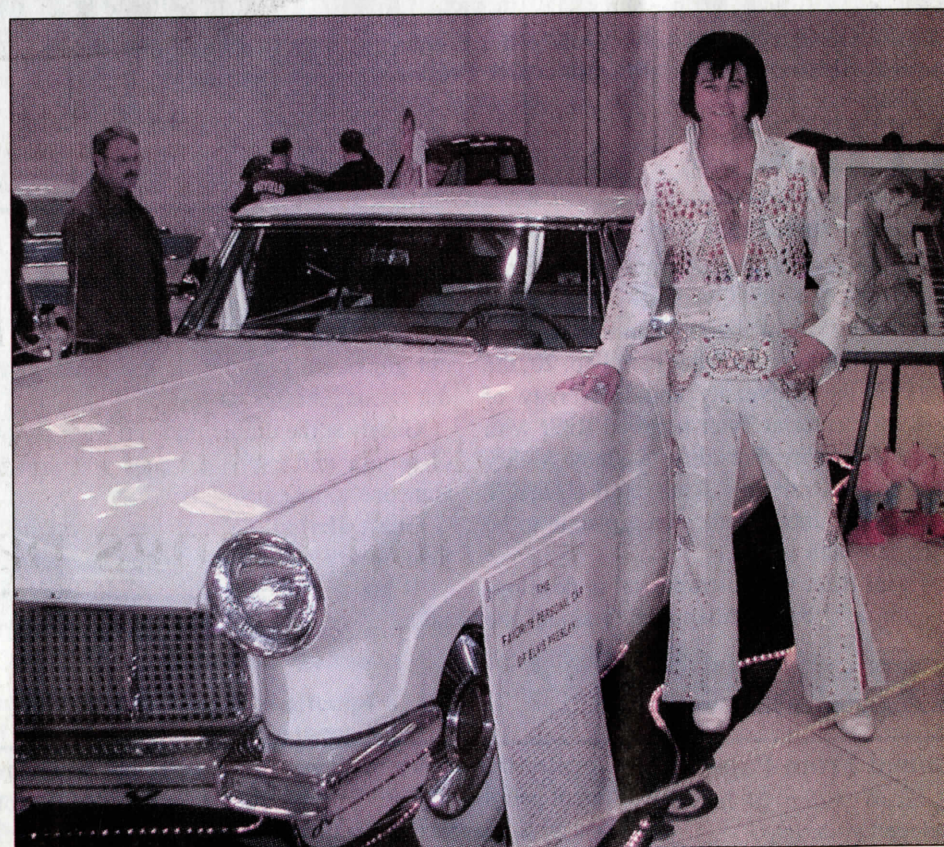


## Off road



**ROCKIN' & ROLLIN':** At right, "Texas' Most Famous Elvis Impersonator" James Wages poses beside a 1965 Lincoln Continental once owned by the King himself, Elvis Presley, during the 13th annual East Texas Crisis Center Auto and Cycle Show, Feb. 21-23.

Above, a 1931 Ford Sedan owned by rock music icon Alice Cooper was one of the attractions. Proceeds from the show benefited the programs of the center, which serves Henderson, Rains, Smith, Wood and Van Zandt counties.



## New vocal group titled ambassadors

by **Hannah Buchanan**  
*Entertainment editor*

President Rodney Mabry said he kept the University's future in mind when he decided to add a new vocal group called the Patriot Singers to the music department next semester.

Recent budget issues forced Mabry to look at alternative ways to add a new group and keep costs low, yet give current members of the University choir and new students an opportunity to become ambassadors for the University, he said.

"I just thought it was time [for an ambassador group]," Mabry said. "The Patriot Singers is one low-cost way we can enhance who we are [as a student body]."

The University's music department will award 24 scholarships at \$1,500 and four at \$3,000 per year for this group, according to Mabry and Jesse Acosta, executive assistant to the president.

"I was there when he thought of [the Patriot Singers]," Acosta said. "When he talked, he made me remember back to the days when my alma mater used its men's glee club as ambassadors."

Acosta and Mabry said the Patriot Singers scholarships are not new, but rather a redirection of some existing scholarship money from University choir funds.

"This gives a chance for [the Patriot Singers] to be made up of either a smaller group of cur-

rent University choir group members, or new students, or both. I've just left that up for the music department to decide," Mabry said.

The president also said he wants this group to perform at special functions on campus and to travel on an international level.

"I would like the group to go international in the far future, making a major trip every four years. When a student body is represented by a nicely dressed, talented group who are able to entertain a wide variety of cultures, then the University's quality message is enforced," he said.

The newly appointed director of the group is Dr. Mark Johnson, who said he "wasn't surprised" when he heard the news.

"We [the music department] actually thought about forming a group at the same time the administration did. We knew there was a hole that needed to be filled and when we heard, we said 'Yeah, cool, we can do that,'" Johnson said. "So it wasn't a surprise or a shock, but the timing was a happy surprise," he said with a laugh.

Interested students must fill out an application at [www.uttler.edu/music](http://www.uttler.edu/music) by March 1.

Those selected will be called in for auditions, Johnson said.

For additional information, please contact Johnson at (903) 565-5514 or visit the web site.

## Lecture series to bring Steve Forbes on campus

by **Hannah Buchanan**  
*Entertainment editor*

Nationally recognized business figure Steve Forbes makes his first Tuler visit to speak as

of Forbes, Inc. and is editor in chief of *Forbes Magazine*.

"We're like the critics of the business world and come to conclusions about it. We like to

**"Ideas are lenses through which we see the world."**

— **STEVE FORBES**  
CEO, FORBES

even though times have been accomplishment running a fam-

## Ray Price to perform in Maude Cobb Center

by **Brittani Mathis**  
*Staff writer*

With a music career which has spanned over a half of a

response to Lufkin's audience.

Price released his latest album, *Timeless*, last year with hopes of rejuvenating his career



part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at 8:00 p.m. on March 20 in the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center. A free student forum will take place earlier that day at 4:30 p.m.

When he learned about the Tyler stop, Forbes told *The Patriot* he was looking forward to the visit.

"It's good to get out the daily routine and find out what other people outside are thinking," he said in a telephone interview.

Forbes is CEO and president

have conversations with our readers, so it's not the conventional business writing," Forbes said about his magazine.

At the Cowan Center event, Forbes will speak on such topics as business world scandals, the economy and current events.

Forbes said he hopes University students will learn to overcome great adversity in life.

"One thing I hope they learn is that ideas are important. They are lenses through which we see the world," he said. "[Also,]

tough in the economy right now, good jobs will be waiting for them."

Forbes said he believes potential workers in the business world "have to find their passion" to be successful.

"Once you've found that, you have to find a way to make a living out of it." Some people know when they're young—things just click for them. Others find their passion in their later years," he said.

On a business level, Forbes said he considers his greatest

ily-owned company that puts out good products.

"On a personal level, I've raised five daughters and lived to tell about it," Forbes said with a laugh.

Forbes said the future will keep him busy.

"Well, outside of running the magazine—I'll be speaking abroad about the reforms in the tax system—I'll be backing Mr. Bush in 2004," he said.

Tickets for the evening event are on sale at the Cowan Center box office.

century, Ray Price is still filling venues to capacity. The Country Music Hall of Fame member is scheduled to perform at 8 p.m., March 22 at Longview's Maude Cobb Activity Center.

Still touring with his long-time band, the Cherokee Cowboys, Price plays more than 100 shows each year.

Price continues to uphold his legendary status and stand out from other contemporary country musicians with his classic mannerisms and respect for a pristine country-western sound.

"Ray received a standing ovation when he took the stage in Lufkin last month," David Stallings of Landmark Productions said about February's sold out performance.

By the end of the show, Price was honored by fans with three other standing ovations.

"It always feels nice, but I like to think that the seats are too hard," said Ray Price in

and a dedication to his longtime fans.

It breaks the mold of contemporary country music with its pure, traditional country-western sound.

Price is known best for developing the classic 4/4 swing beat which has woven its way into the heart of country-western music.

Many of his songs, including his 1956 hit "Crazy Arms," exemplify Price's honky-tonk sound.

Price holds a plethora of awards. To date, Price has earned 12 gold records, a Grammy Award in 1971 and countless other industry honors.

Country music honored Price once again in 1996 by inducting him into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Tickets for the event are on sale now at all Cavender's Boot City locations in Tyler and Longview. For more information, call (903) 569-8650.

## Timpson man breaks away from weakest links to win

by Hannah Buchanan

Entertainment editor

A "strong thirst of knowledge" helped East Texas native Ray Marshall become a winner on the syndicated version of the game show *The Weakest Link* last spring.

Marshall said he only answered one question incorrectly throughout the entire game and won \$33,000—a record for the syndicated show.

It took an hour and a half to tape the 20 minutes people saw on the air, he said.

"The only thing really spontaneous about the show was the contestants' comments and reactions. Everything else was pretty well scripted," he said.

Marshall said a stand up comic interacted with the audience and kept everybody interested and laughing between the

rounds.

"The audience is actually not just a bunch of people off the street. They are professional bit actors who really know what is going on and when to cheer, jeer, ooh and ah, etc.," he said.

Marshall said he first called the toll-free number given at the end of the network show.

"They called me back to tell me about a tryout in Shreveport, but they didn't tell me it was not for the prime-time show," Marshall said.

After the tryout, a quiz and a mock game, two weeks passed.

"They called me on a Friday evening and asked me if I could fly to Los Angeles the following Monday and possibly tape a show on Tuesday. I said I could, and I did," he said.

But once there, he went through another mock game and

interviews. Marshall said he still had to compete with other potential contestants for a spot on the show.

"They announced the names of the contestants chosen about five minutes before taping started, so we didn't have much time to plan strategy or discuss alliances," Marshall said.


In that short period, the group agreed they would vote for whomever they actually thought was the weakest link each round. Marshall said his teammates "didn't have any guts" to keep their word.

"I knew nobody would really think I was the weakest link, but I worried they might want to vote me off to eliminate strong competition," he said.

Marshall said it took three months from the air date to receive his prize money.

"I spent the money on the house we had just remodeled, except for about \$400 with which I bought my wife a Bose Wave radio," he said.

Marshall currently works as a safety and health supervisor at Unimin Texas Company, a clay-mining/processing plant outside of Troup. He and his wife Diane have two grown sons.



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### March Calendar

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> - Passing Strangers - Rock!      | 20 <sup>th</sup> - Blue Monkees featuring Richard Rains |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> - Nathan Johnson - Acoustic Rock | 21 <sup>st</sup> - Bugs Henderson - legendary guitar    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> - Pictures - PARTY               | 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Klocks - Great Show!                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> - Rat Ranch - Rock 'n' Roll      | 27 <sup>th</sup> - Something Blue- Blues                |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> - Something Blue - Blues        | 28 <sup>th</sup> - The Big Daddy Band - Rock & Dance    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> - Arrival - DANCE               | 29 <sup>th</sup> - Bewires - Dance                      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> - Arrival - Rock!               |   |

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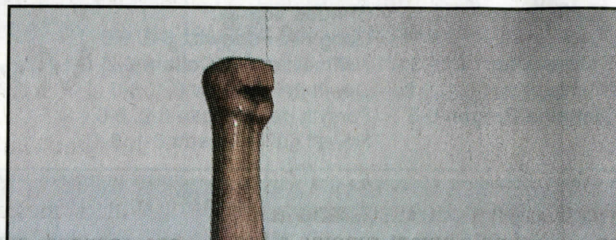
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**AMERICAN BEAUTY:**  
A painting of a black woman, above, is one of 77 works of art featured at the Tyler Museum of Art. Elizabeth Catlett's "Homage to Black Women Poets," right, pays tribute



**MODERN ART:** Natasha Pennington and Shane Coleman study a work of art belonging to the Walter O. Evans Collection of African American Art on display at the Tyler Museum of Art.

# Reflections in history

## Evan's African American art exhibit brings past to present

by Shalina Ramirez  
Associate editor

With her arms folded against her chest, a woman sits quietly watching intently as spectators slowly stroll by her.

She is wearing a simply buttoned blouse with the sleeves rolled toward her elbows.

Her hair is pulled back away from her face revealing a series of creases forever etched in bronze.

She's "Pensive," created in 1946 by Elizabeth Catlett, and is among 77 works belonging to the Walter O. Evans Collection of African Art cur-

"I like to paint and it makes me feel good to know that one day I could be here."

— NATASHA PENNINGTON

Known for his revolutionary usage of collages, Bearden transforms simple shapes into elaborate compositions with "Jazz Rhapsody" and "The

Inspired by sermons he heard years ago, Lawrence uses a mixture of aqua, red, golden yellow and brown to depict a preacher telling the Genesis creation story to his congregation.

Other artists displayed in the exhibit include Aaron Douglas, Margaret Burroughs, Edward Mitchell Bannister, Charles White, Robert Scott Duncanson and Charles Ethan Porter. Burroughs and White participated in the Federal Art program during the Great Depression.

The program was designed



Photos by  
Shalina Ramirez,  
*The Patriot*

**JUDGMENT DAY:** Below,  
a trio of art works, includ-  
ing "The Judgement Day,"  
greets spectators. The  
pieces were created by  
Aaron Douglas using  
gouache on paper.



rently on display at the Tyler  
Museum of Art.

University student Shane  
Coleman visited the exhibit  
with friend Natasha  
Pennington earlier this week.

"I'm very impressed,"  
Coleman, a computer science  
major, said. "This is my first  
time to see some paintings by  
African Americans."

With some pieces dating  
back to the late 1890s, the  
exhibit offers a rare opportu-  
nity to view what is considered  
to be "one of the most compre-  
hensive and important private  
collections of African art."

"A lot of them are very dif-  
ferent," Pennington said.  
"They're interesting."

Walter O. Evans, a retired  
Detroit surgeon living in  
Savannah, Georgia, began his  
500-piece collection more  
than 20 years ago, purchasing  
"John Brown," by Jacob  
Lawrence in 1979 followed by  
works by Romare Bearden.

"Jazz Rapscall," and "The  
Piano Lesson," where he  
returns to the themes of good  
earth, beauty of black women  
and music.

Evan's collection also  
includes landscape paintings,  
collages, sculptures and works  
depicting the Harlem  
Renaissance of the 1920s and  
1930s, a period when black  
writers, musicians and artists  
in the Harlem neighborhood of  
New York City began to  
receive serious attention from  
critics and publishers.

"It's good," Pennington  
said. "I like to paint and it  
makes me feel good to know  
that one day I could be here."

While viewing the collec-  
tion, Coleman said he has  
found a favorite.

"By far Jacob Lawrence,"  
he said. "I guess because of  
the way he uses his color."

The exhibit also features  
five of the eight works making  
up Lawrence's "The Book of  
Genesis."

to provide employment as well  
as more art to American's citi-  
zens.

The collection, in time for  
Black History month, will  
continue until April 27.

"It's a real good thing,"  
Coleman said. "I think the  
community should come out  
and support it."

Volunteer donations of  
\$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for  
students and children will be  
accepted.

Special events for the col-  
lection include a visit from  
Charles Criner, of the Museum  
of Printing History in Houston  
who will introduce the art of  
lithography on March 2 and  
lecturer Michael Lasser, who  
will speak on The Songwriters  
of the Harlem Renaissance on  
April 6.

The museum, on 1300 S.  
Mahon Street, is open from 10  
a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday  
through Saturday and 1 p.m. to  
5 p.m. on Sunday.







—Brad Smith/The Patriot

**BASKETBALL:** Matt Wallis (40) of UT Undercover fades back to attempt a three-pointer in the intramural basketball game against North Athens on Tuesday.

### Correction

In the Feb. 14 issue of The Patriot, tennis players Maciek Hunek, Justin Duke, Mayur Naik, Steven Brouer, and Karoline Jacobs classifications were wrong. They are as follows: Hunek-sophomore, Duke-junior, Naik-sophomore, Brouer-junior, and Jacobs-sophomore.

## Tennis team splits weekend matches

by Joseph Elerson  
Sports editor

After back-to-back 7-0 wins against Austin College on Feb. 12, the University tennis teams hit a roadblock against Hendrix College, Harding University, and Rhodes University on Feb. 14-15 in Conway, Ark.

"We played really well against Austin College. I thought we had more depth on both sides during the tournament," Coach Ken Olivier said.

During the Austin College tournament, the Patriot teams won every set in 17 matches, but came close in two doubles matches.

On the men's side, Austin Caudle and Stephen Brouer defeated Andrew Gannon and Ryan O'Conner by the score of 9-7, while on the women's side Lauren Collum and Karoline Jacobs defeated Tiffany Anderson and Christie Van Duyne by the score of 9-7.

"Austin College is going to be a team we will have to compete against to win the division title next season," Olivier said.

The following are the scores from the Austin College tournament, with the Patriots women's scores listed first:

In the other doubles matches, Kayla

Fedowitz and Katie Burrow defeated Delynn Davidson and Gillian Lightfoot 8-2, and Giannina Bregon and April Hibbs defeated Erin Light and Ryawe Frazee 8-4.

In singles action, the No. 1 player on the women's team Karoline Jacobs def. Tiffany Anderson 6-3, 6-2, Lauren Collum def. Davidson 6-0, 6-0, Burrow def. Van Duyne 6-4, 6-0.

Also, Fedowitz def. Lightfoot 6-2, 6-2, Alicia Johnson def. Erin Light 6-0, 6-0, and Lorita Morgan def. Frazee 6-4, 6-1.

On the men's side, Patriots Maciek Hunek/Greg Jones def. Chris Sears and Alan Strykes 8-0, and Andy White and Kevin Cook won by default.

Jones def. O'Conner 6-1, 6-0 in singles action, Hunek def. Sears 6-1, 6-1, Cook def. Andrew Gannon 6-3, 6-1, Dallas Long def. Stryker 6-0, 6-3, White def. Nick Gerlin 6-0, 6-2, and Justin Duke def. Gerlin 6-2, 6-0.

### Conway, Ark. trip

Prior to the opening tournament for the Patriot tennis teams, Olivier said he believed the trip to Ark. would be one of the toughest tournaments all season.

In the opening tournament of the weekend, the Patriots split matches with Hendrix College.

The women's team won 6-3 and

swept the doubles side of the tournament, while the men's team lost 4-3.

"The men's team should have beat Hendrix and definitely had their chances to beat them but came up a little short," Olivier said.

"I knew we had our work cut out for us on this trip. Both Harding and Rhodes have a tradition of having very strong tennis teams," Olivier said.

Rhodes is the ninth-ranked team in the nation on the women's side and men's team is ranked No. 19.

On the men's side, Rhodes defeated the Patriots 5-1 overall with the only win for the University coming from Hunek in the No. 2 position defeating Duncan Howell 7-5, 6-7, 10-6.

The men's team is now 2-3 on the season with wins over McMurry University and Austin College.

The women's team is 3-2 with wins over McMurry University, Austin College, and Hendrix University.

The tennis teams travel to Georgetown to play Mississippi College and Southwestern University on March 1.

"We want to win both matches, and I definitely like our chances. I think it will be very close, but they are two of the toughest teams on the schedule this season," Olivier said.

## SCOREBOARD

Conway Ark. Tournament  
Feb. 14-15  
University Women (Bold)

### Hendrix Scores:

Gina Curry def. **Lauren Collum** 2-6, 6-2, 7-5

Cassie Jackson def. **Katie Burrow** 6-3, 6-1

**Kayla Fedowitz** def. Muriel Ifrah 7-6, 6-3

**Alicia Johnson** def. Ashley Koon 6-1, 6-2

Lauren Baxter def. **Giannina Bregon** 6-3

### Harding Scores:

Chisack def. **Collum** 6-2, 6-0  
Tollet def. **Fedowitz** 6-1, 6-0  
Bannelos def. **Johnson** 6-1, 6-0  
Corrales def. **Morgan** 6-2, 6-1  
Dujmovic def. **Bregon** 6-1, 6-1  
Campbell def. **Hibbs** 6-0, retired

### Rhodes scores:

Gong def. **Fedowitz** 6-0, 6-0  
Hoffmeister def. **Collum** 6-2, 6-1  
Dewitt def. **Burrow** 6-1, 6-0  
Forsyth def. **Morgan** 6-0, 6-0  
Howell def. **Johnson** 6-1, 6-1

Wilcox def. **Hibbs** 6-2, 2-1

### University men:

### Hendrix Scores:

JD Pritchard def. **Greg Jones** 3-6, 6-4, 6-2

**Maciek Hunek** def. Bravan Nevel 6-3, 6-4

Tim Sears def. **Kevin Cook** 7-6, 6-4

Ed Reed def. **Dallas Long** 2-6, 6-1, 6-3

Adam Smith def. **Andy White** 7-6, 6-4

**Steven Brouer** def. Josh Johnson 6-2, 6-0

**Austin Caudle** def. Michaels 6-1



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# Publication board appoints chair

by Jeanie Carter

Staff writer

The University's new Student Media Advisory Board elected Dr. Roger Conaway as chairman during its first meeting Feb.13.

The board will establish and oversee new operating policies for all student publications if they receive funds from student fees; are written, edited and published by students; and are not lab publications or co-curricular activities.

*The Patriot* is the only publication that fits the criteria to be overseen by the board.

"I think this is a solid buffer between the administration and the newspaper," Conaway said.

The board appoints the editor in chief for *The Patriot*, hears complaints against editors and assists the student staff in developing policies.

The board consists of five students- one from each college- three faculty members- one from the Department of Communication, one from the University at large selected by the president and one at large selected by the Faculty Senate Chairperson- the dean of students affairs and two professional journalists appointed by the president.

"The board is going to get adequate advisement having representation of the student body- one from each college, the dean and faculty," Conaway said.

Student representatives present at the meeting were Maggie Griffin, Lisa Stinson and Catherine Hollenshead. One student was unable to attend and the other student is no longer

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— ROGER CONAWAY  
CHAIR, STUDENT MEDIA ADVISORY BOARD

enrolled.

Dean Donna Dickerson introduced faculty and staff members: Dr. Howard Patterson, Dr. Roger Conaway, Dr. Mary Fischer and Dr. Mark Lewis.

Dave Berry, managing editor, of the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* and Brad Streit, general manager, of KLTU-Channel 7 sit on the board as professional members.

The board reviewed the functions, roles and goals for the student newspaper.

"One of our goals for the paper as the student population grows is to get more business students involved," Donna Dickerson dean of the College of Education and Psychology, said.

Dickerson said they would like to increase advertising revenues enough to support the paper, and see it grow to a weekly paper instead of bi-weekly.

Vanessa Curry, adviser for *The Patriot* and Robert Boggs, editor in chief of *The Patriot* answered questions from the board regarding the operation of the newspaper.

"The student newspaper is

open to all students, no matter their major," Curry said.

Curry said for journalism majors the newspaper offers the opportunity to get experience, examples of their work and provides a link to other contacts and professionals.

During the meeting Curry and Boggs explained the organization and production of the newspaper to the board.

It is not a lab, but a working newspaper Curry said.

The *Patriot* prints 1,500 copies every two weeks distributed to all campuses, of these 120 are sent out as mail subscriptions.

The newspaper consists of an editor in chief, associate editor, four page editors, advertising manager, graphic designer, circulation manager and numerous reporters.

"*The Patriot* serves a very important role on campus, serving as a source of news, a forum for ideas, a historical record and at times as a public watchdog," Boggs said.

Boggs said he believes that historically it is important for students' 20 years from now to know what the campus is like

today.

A meeting of the board is required once a semester.

"I would plan two meetings per semester now, because I think in the beginning we need this to get up and running," Conaway said.

The new board was established by input from the Faculty Affairs Committee. The *Patriot's* former editor in chief, Student Government Association, professional journalists and media managers, Dean Dickerson and the University System's Office of General Council.

Before this board was instituted there were no student or faculty advisers on the publication board.

The publication board in place when the Handbook of Operating Procedures was published in 1993 had been inactive for the past few years.

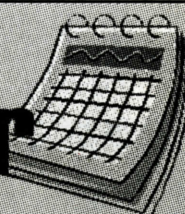
A revised HOP last year created a new publication board consisting of University vice presidents and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students and *The Patriot* editor in chief protested the new board raising a question concerning violations of First Amendment rights.

At this time other University of Texas System institutions had been operating with publication boards represented by students and faculty.

Plans for the new Media Advisory Board were set in motion after the University's president, Rodney H. Mabry, agreed to change the policy to include several student representatives.

## CAMPUS Calendar



### Feb. 28

- Student recital, Braithwaite Hall, 2 p.m.
- Othello, The Theatre, 7:30 p.m., for info call 903-566-7254

### March 1

- Othello, The Theatre, 7:30 p.m., for info call 903-566-7254

### March 2

- Othello, The Theatre, 2:30 p.m., for info call 903-566-7254

### March 3-April 11

- Ceramic Invitational Exhibition, Meadows Gallery

### March 4

- "My Story: Safe Spring Break/Health Awareness Week" student seminar, UC118, 12:30 -1:30 p.m., free lunch

- SGA meeting, UC 118, 5:15 p.m.

### March 5

- Student Organization Presidents Council meeting, UC 118, noon

### March 6

- UT Tyler Wind Ensemble concert, Vaughn Auditorium, 7 p.m.

### March 7

- SGA Spring filing deadline
- Greater Tuna, Cowan Center, 7:30 p.m.

### March 8

- Greater Tuna, Cowan Center, 7:30 p.m.

### March 10 - 14

- Spring Break

### March 17

- Priority deadline to file for summer 2003 graduation
- Last day to withdraw from a course with automatic "W"

### March 18

- SGA meeting, UC 118, 5:15 p.m.

### March 18 & 19

- SGA special elections

### March 19

- Cabaret, Third Wed. film series, FPAC 1009 3:30 & 8:30 p.m., students free-all others \$4

### March 19- April 4

- Junior College Symposium Exhibition, Meadows Gallery

### March 20

- Steve Forbes Distinguished Lecture, Cowan Center, 8 p.m.

- "Vel zquez' Las Meninas" lecture by Giles Knox, FAC2009, 2 p.m.

### March 21

- National Ceramic Invitational 2003 Gallery Talk by Peter Beasecker, Meadows Gallery, 11 a.m.

## Organization Information

To better inform students of activities in which they can participate, *The Patriot* will have organization information each issue. Student organizations and contacts are listed in the UT Tyler web site and can be found by clicking current students, then student organizations.

## Debate team grabs second in tournament sweepstakes



**March 3**

\***The Latin Club & 13 Ways**, 4 p.m., LIB 401, will present a reading of the classic Greek anti-war play, *Lysistrata*, to protest the Bush Administration's war on Iraq. A discussion will follow the reading.

**March 5**

\***Student Organizations Presidents Council meeting**, UC 118, noon

**March 6**

\***The Latin Club**, Praesides Linguae Mortuae, First meeting, 5:30 p.m., Joe's Italian Grill on Fifth Street. To car pool meet at the UC at 5:15. A game of Latin scrabble is planned. Membership is free. Anyone interested in the Latin Language, Roman history and Culture is welcome. Contact grantmc@cox-internet.com

\***Cross Talk**, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., LIB 401

Meeting by Cornerstone, fellowship and free lunch, contact nolanp@roseheights.org

**March 6 & 20**

\***Art Club** meeting, sculpture studio, 5 p.m., dues \$5, open to all students

**March 10-14**

\*Spring Break, no meetings

**March 19**

\***Apostolic Student Association**, meets following Wed. night service at Tyler Tabernacle, United Pentecostal Church, 3034 McDonald Road. Contact apostolic\_student@hotmail.com for more information.

**March 20**

\***Cross Talk**, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., UC 118 Meeting by Cornerstone, fellowship and free lunch, contact nolanp@roseheights.org

**Every Monday, Noon, UC 118**

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**Every Monday, 8 p.m. U Pines clubhouse**

\* **Baptist Student Ministry** meeting, Bible study, contact tylerbsm@cox-internet.com

**Online**

\***13 Ways** is starting a renga on the message board. Renga will work like a story-go-round with everyone contributing a verse or two. To join in the fun contact 13ways@dctexas.net for the renga site and password.

**by Robert Boggs****Editor in chief**

University forensics team members defeated 10 schools to take second place in the overall sweepstakes at the Fulbright Championship Debate Tournament at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark., team adviser Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs said.

The team competed in two types of contests: one-on-one public debate and partnered parliamentary debate. In the overall sweepstakes, points gained from both types are considered.

Arkansas State University claimed first in the sweepstakes, Hobbs said.

In parliamentary debate, Daniel Miller and Amy Arellano made it to the semifinals before being defeated by the team from the University of South Carolina, Hobbs said.

**University team members**

Frank Patel and Noah Conklin reached the quarterfinals.

In public debate, Arellano finished in the top eight, and Patel and Miller reached the octafinals.

Hobbs said he is pleased with the progress the team has made.

"I think they're making better arguments and they're just being more sharp and clear about what they do argue," he said.

He said he believed the team is showing improvement by consistently winning even though the competition also continues to improve.

Debate wasn't the only subject on team members' tongues.

"We got five inches of snow on Sunday while we were there," Hobbs said. "That was fun for me."

He said he encouraged Arellano, who said she had never seen much snow before, to catch snowflakes on her tongue.

The tournament was the third for the team this semester.

Earlier in February, the team claimed three trophies for placing third in debate sweepstakes, fourth in overall sweepstakes and first place team at tournaments at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and North Harris College in Houston.

Hobbs said the team is putting emphasis on practicing for public debate in preparation for their next meet.

They will compete in the Last Call Tournament at the University of Arkansas at Monticello on March 8-9 and at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md. March 26-29.

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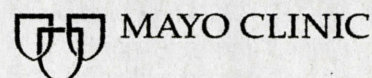
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To mark the 30th anniversary of the opening of an upper-division college in Tyler, *The Patriot* will feature throughout the rest of the semester the recollections of long-time faculty members and tidbits of past University news.

## Patriot flashback

### 5 years ago:

- UT system Board of Regents agreed to purchase the building housing the nursing program at the Palestine campus.
- Student Services Fee Committee voted to decrease funding for the Office of the Special Assistant to the President by 25 percent.

### 10 years ago:

- An anonymous donor gave \$1 million for the Liberal Arts/ Fine and Performing Arts complex.
- Non-voting student regent proposed in legislation sponsored by Sen. Jim Turner.

### 15 years ago:

- Phi Theta Kappa state convention held on campus.

### 20 years ago:

- Chamber choir is formed in music department.
- Six European travel studies offered through three university departments.

### 25 years ago:

- Ice and snow force campus closure for two days.
- Spring semester enrollment record of 1,838 students.

### 30 years ago:

- University plans to add a Director of Student Financial Aid.
- Marketing students take a field trip to Tyler Pipe, Inc.

## Faculty focus



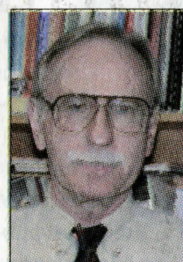
Dr. Joyce Ballard  
Professor, health and kinesiology  
27 years

*Q. What is your fondest memory about being at UT Tyler?*

"When the school was Texas Eastern State University and all of the excitement of the students about getting a degree and delaying a semester of graduating so they could have a degree at UT."

*Q. What is your favorite anecdote?*

"In the spring of '75, the school was called Tyler State College, and I was told during my interview that the name was going to change. I went back to the University of Illinois and told my friends that I had accepted a job in Texas. My friends bought me a shirt, but I got mixed up with what the name of the university was going to be. The shirt said Eastern Texas University. When I got my contract I had to tell them that I was mixed up. It was really Texas Eastern University. So, I probably have the only shirt in the world where the name of the school is wrong. My friends never did give me another shirt with the name right on it."



Dr. Gary Wright  
Professor of reading  
28 years

*Q. What is your favorite anecdote from your UT Tyler career?*

"When I first came here [fall '74,] it was Tyler State College. I was part of the second contingency. They doubled the faculty in 1974. At that point, the classes and most of the offices were in [what is now] the Tyler Attention Center. There was a huge clear space on the third floor."

The faculty were each separated into his or her own office by a desk and a bookcase, he said.

"We called it the bullpen, I remember Gary Mears brought his guitar and played it for us."

Later the faculty offices were moved into a renovated Safeway grocery store across the street, he said.

"We said we were in the fruits and nuts section of the grocery store."

*Q. What change has affected you the most since you've been here?*

"There aren't many [original faculty members] left. About five of the 40 are left. You meet people that you like and they move on. You become close and they leave, but that's the nature of things."

*Q. How have student changed since you've been teaching here?*

"They're younger, generally speaking. There were few Hispanic people in Tyler when I started teaching here, but the student population has become more diverse. I think that's a healthy change."

## Road block



—Joe Elerson/*The Patriot*

**FALLEN TREES:** East Texas workers responded to reports of trees felled by high winds from last weekend's storms. This tree fell on Circle Drive by the Bell Tower in front of the Administration Building.

## Two candidates seek vacant SGA position

by Emily Stevens  
Staff writer

Student officials set March 18 -19 for a special election for the Student Government Association vice president.

Applications for candidacy were accepted from Feb. 12 through Wednesday.

Loree Ainsworth and Kimberley Hill will compete for the office.

Ainsworth currently serves as parliamentarian, an office which will be vacated if she is elected to the vice presidency.

The SGA constitution states

that an office will not be vacant for more than 90 days. However, the general elections fall before the end of that period.

The winner of the special election will fill the vice president's office until May 9 and receive a partial stipend.

Ainsworth said the SGA was holding the election for vice president in order to comply with the 90 day vacancy limit.

The need for the special election began when Erin Price resigned the office Nov. 21 due to health problems.

## Three University programs to share donation

The University of Texas at Tyler Friends of the Arts organization donated \$9,000 to be divided equally between the University's art, music and theater programs.

The art program will use its \$3,000 for furnishings, equipment and trips to art museums in Houston.

The music program's \$3,000 will be used for piano recitals, master class and new opera scenes, programs and performances.

With the \$3,000 donation the theater department will pay for a travel-study program and performance- techniques workshop.

Established in 1985, Friends of the Arts is an organization of benefactors whose primary purpose is to support the visual and performing arts by expanding resource materials for programs of art, music and theater.

The organization brings noted artists and speakers to campus, provides student schol-

arships, provides aid for faculty enrichment and contributes to the development of collections for the Robert R. Muntz Library.

In addition, they underwrite the opera appreciation class on campus.

The organization also sponsors the 3rd Wednesday Film Series.



# Health Fair

**sponsored by DREAM Team  
& Student Services**

**Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.**

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